

CONSERVATION INFORMATION FOR WELL USERS

What can you do to conserve water?

Did you know that residents use up to 90 percent of their drinking water to irrigate landscapes in the summer? By making a few adjustments in the way we use water, residents can easily help to preserve this precious resource.

- Water your landscape during cooler times of the day, such as morning when it's also less windy. And don't forget to turn off your sprinklers when it rains.
- Inspect sprinklers to ensure the sprinkler heads aren't broken or twisted and that they are watering only what is meant to be watered.
- Water in three short cycles of about four minutes each spaced over several hours rather than one twelve minute dousing to discourage water run off and encourage infiltration.
- Consider replacing outdated irrigation clocks with new models that water more efficiently and are easier to program.
- Set your lawn mower height to three inches to allow grass to develop a deeper, more protected root system and don't forget to aerate in the spring & fall.
- Consider replacing or reducing nonfunctional turf with shrubs, groundcovers, mulch, or other water-efficient plants. Replace cool season grass (such as tall fescue or rye) with warm season grasses (such as bermuda and zoysia).
- Limit car washing and be sure to use a positive shut-off nozzle and low volume sprayer. Try to limit the water you use to less than 10 gallons per vehicle. Or even better, only wash vehicles at a commercial facility, which recycles the water it uses.
- Turn off residential fountains and ornamental water features during the heat of the day or only use them when you are around to enjoy them.

For more information on watering tips, drought updates, and landscape advice, see Southern Nevada Water Authority's website at: www.snwa.com.